

March 1, 2003

The Honorable Elia Germani
Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Pawtucket Water Supply Board
General Rate Filing, February, 2003

Dear Chairman Germani:

On behalf of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board, enclosed you will find revised rate schedules which the Pawtucket Water Supply Board proposes to place in effect in thirty (30) days. The new rates are designed to collect total revenues in a twelve-month period equal to \$14,708,719.00. We have included in our filing pre-filed testimony from five witnesses to be presented by the Pawtucket Water Supply Board, as well as exhibits in support of the revised rates. Additionally, we have included all applicable information required by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure and statements conforming to the mandates of R.I.G.L. §39-3-12.1. Additionally, the Pawtucket Water Supply Board, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §39-3-12.1, is providing all documents to the following communities:

1. City of Central Falls.
2. Town of Cumberland.
3. Town of Seekonk, Massachusetts.

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We have also enclosed a copy of our proposed Notice to be published in the Providence Journal. We would respectfully ask that your staff immediately review the proposed notice so that it might be published within the ten (10) day period prescribed by law.

The following individuals should receive all correspondence for any additional information to be provided by the Public Utilities Commission:

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Francis X. Flaherty and Joseph A. Keough, Jr. will act as legal counsel for the Pawtucket Water Supply Board and will represent the Board in all rate filing matters concerning these documents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. FLAHERTY

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD
APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES**

DOCKET NUMBER:

NOTICE OF FILING AND CHANGE IN RATE SCHEDULES

On March 1, 2003, pursuant to the Rhode Island General Law 39-3-11 and Part II of the Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Pawtucket Water Supply Board ("PWSB") hereby gives notice that it has filed with the Commission an application to increase its rates.

The proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$3,157,389.00 to support total operating revenue requirements of \$14,708,719.00. The impact of this request will result in a 28% increase across the board on all customer's rates. For a typical residential customer, the impact of this request will result in an increase of \$63.16 per year or 28%. Please note that while the PWSB is requesting this revenue increase, the Commission, after full investigation and hearings, may order a different revenue requirement and rate.

While the new rates are proposed to become effective April 1, 2003, the Commission can suspend the rates up to six months from the proposed effective date. No rate change will take effect until the Commission has conducted a full investigation and hearing on the proposal. The Commission will publish a notice of the hearing dates when they are scheduled. Ratepayers may comment on the proposed rate increases at that time.

A copy of the application is on file for examination at the PWSB's office and at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. A copy of the filing was also provided to the Cities of Pawtucket, Central Falls and the Towns of Cumberland and Seekonk, Massachusetts. A copy was also provided to the Rhode Island Attorney General's Department, Consumer Division. Subscriber billing statements will contain notice of this filing. Some larger subscribers will receive notice in their monthly billing and others in their regular billing.

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